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TELECOM SERVICES IN JHARKHAND
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Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

(a) the total amount spent to make telecom services better in Jharkhand circle during the last two years;

(b) the heads under which the said amount was spent;

(c) the extent to which telecom services improved during the said period;

(d) whether any complaint of irregularity was received in the run up to the upgradation of telephone exchanges ; and

(e) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY (SHRIMATI S MAHAJAN)

(a) Jharkhand Telecom. circle was created after bifurcation of Bihar Telecom. circle in the month of January 2001. The amount spent to make telecom services better in the Jharkhand Telecom circle is as under:

Sl. No.	Year	Amount Spent
1.	2001-02	Rs. 392.06 crores
2.	2002-03	Rs. 236.36 crores (Provision made)

(b) The said amount was spent for the development of telecom services under the head of account - Tribal Area, (since the Jharkhand State as a whole is considered as Tribal Area) in the following schemes:

Sl.No	Scheme	Amount (In crores of Rupees)	
		2001-01	2002-03#
1.	Telegraph & Telex	Nil	Nil
2.	Local Telephone System	354.80	151.95
3.	Long Distance Switching	2.40	9.18
4.	Long Distance Transmission	22.33	66.52
5.	Ancillary System	4.43	4.13
6.	Other Land & Building	8.09	4.58

Total:	392.05	236.36

Provisional

(c) The expansion which took place during the last two years is as follows:

Sl. No.	Year	No. of Exchange Capacity added	No. of DELs added
1.	2000-01	1,06,612	81,712
2.	2001-02	1,03,784	79,608

The waiting list of Telephone applicants in Jharkhand as on 31-12-2002 is only 18,344 which is 4.6% of 3,96,694 telephone working on that date against an all India average of 6.3%.

(d) No complaint of irregularity was received in the run up to the upgradation of telephone exchanges.

(e) Does not arise in view of (d) above.